

In re Appln. of WORLEY et al.
Application No. 10/674 625

CLAIM LISTING

1. (Currently Amended) A tent and rain fly, comprising:
a tent, comprising:
a lower portion formed of a water-repellent material and positioned at a lower half of the tent;
an upper portion positioned above the lower portion when the tent is erected, the upper portion being formed of a mesh material, the lower portion and the upper portion being arranged such that, when the tent is erected, the lower portion extends from adjacent the ground and the upper portion extends toward a top of the tent; and
a vent in the lower portion; and
a rain fly configured to extend over the tent.
2. (Currently Amended) The tent and rain fly of claim 1, wherein an open side of the vent faces primarily downward when the tent is set-up erected.
3. (Currently Amended) The tent and rain fly of claim 1, wherein the vent comprises an upper flap, a lower flap, and a flexible stay extending between the upper and lower flaps.
4. (Currently Amended) The tent and rain fly of claim 3, wherein the flexible stay comprises a plurality of segments that extend substantially linearly to provide the substantially stiff arrangement and move relative to one another to allow the vent to collapse.
5. (Currently Amended) The tent and rain fly of claim 4, wherein the segments each comprise adjacent flat edges.
6. (Currently Amended) The tent and rain fly of claim 4, wherein the flexible stay further comprises an elastic cord extending through the segments and tensioning the segments together.

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7. (Currently Amended) The tent and rain fly of claim 4, wherein the flexible stay further comprises means for biasing the segments into a position to maintain the vent open.

8. (Currently Amended) The tent and rain fly of claim 4, wherein the flexible stay is configured and arranged such that the flexible stay is resilient so that the stay is biased into a sufficiently stiff arrangement so that the flexible stay supports the upper flap of enough to support the vent during use, but is flexible enough so that the vent may be collapsed during storage.

9. (Currently Amended) The tent and rain fly of claim 1, ~~further comprising a rain fly positioned above at least a portion of the upper portion wherein the rain fly is a separate structure from the tent.~~

10. (Currently Amended) The tent and rain fly of claim 9, wherein the rain fly comprises an apex and a second vent adjacent the apex.

11. (Currently Amended) A vent for a fabric structure, comprising:
an upper flap;
a lower flap be rinning under the upper flap and extending beyond the upper flap; and
a flexible, resil ent stay extending between the upper and lower flaps, the stay being resilient so that the stay is biased into a sufficiently stiff arrangement so that the flexible stay supports the upper flap of the vent during use, but is flexible enough so that the stay may bend so that the vent is collaps ble during storage.

12. (Currently Amended) The vent of claim 11, wherein the flexible stay comprises a plurality of segments that extend substantially linearly to provide the substantially stiff arrangement and move relative to one another to allow the vent to collapse.

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13. (Original) The vent of claim 12, wherein the segments each comprise adjacent flat edges.
14. (Original) The vent of claim 13, wherein the flexible stay further comprises an elastic cord extending through the segments and tensioning the segments together.
15. (Original) The vent of claim 12, wherein the flexible stay further comprises an elastic cord extending through the segments and tensioning the segments together.
16. (Original) The vent of claim 12, wherein the flexible stay further comprises means for biasing the segments into a position to maintain the vent open.
17. Cancelled
18. (Original) The vent of claim 11, wherein the fabric structure is a tent.
19. (Original) The vent of claim 11, wherein the fabric structure is a rain fly for a tent.
20. (Original) The vent of claim 11, wherein the fabric structure is a canopy.
21. (Original) A canopy comprising the vent of claim 11.
22. (Original) A tent comprising a rain fly including the vent of claim 11.
23. (New Claim) The tent and rain fly of claim 1, wherein, when the tent is erected and the rain fly is properly positioned on the tent, the vent is positioned below the rain fly.